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SUBJECT : USE OF PRESIDENT'S SPEECH WITH OPEC COUNTRIES

REFS: (A) JIDDA 270; (B) STATE 8375; (C) STATE 7457; (D) DOHA 21;
(E) DOHA 47.

1. FULLY CONCUR WITH PARA 2 OF JIDDA REFTEL. JIDDA MUCH
BETTER OFF THAN WE SINCE IT AT LEAST DID RECEIVE INFO
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COPY OF INSTRUCTIONS TO OECD COUNTRIES ON PRESIDENT'S ENERGY

SPEECH--WE DIDN'T. SPEECH, OF COURSE, HAS ALREADY FORTHCOME--
WE HEARD EXCERPTS ON VOA BROADCAST THIS MORNING, JAN 14.

2. THIS IS SECOND TIME WITHIN A WEEK THAT WE HAVE BEEN CAUGHT
SHORT HERE ON MAJOR US MOVES THAT DIRECTLY AFFECT OIL PRODUCING
STATES WITHOUT OUR HAVING THE BENEFIT OF ANY PRIOR INFORMATION
OR GUIDANCE. (FIRST INSTANCE WAS SECRETARY'S LETTER TO SELECTED
OPEC GOVERNMENTS.)

3. IT IS IRONIC TO SAY THE LEAST, WHILE WE ARE IN PROCESS OF
PREPARING TO IMPLEMENT INSTRUCTIONS IN STATE 7457, WHICH
INTENDED TO MOLLIFY THOSE OPEC GOVTS LEFT OFF SECRETARY'S
ADDRESSEE LIST, TO BE PUT IN SIMILAR SITUATION VIS-A-VIS PRESIDENT'S
SPEECH. OUR ASSURANCE "THAT US WOULD LIKE TO STRENGTHEN ITS
BILATERAL CONTACTS WITH OIL PRODUCING GOVTS OVER THE COMING
MONTHS SO THAT COOPERATIVE EFFORTS TO SOLVE THE INTERNATIONAL
OIL CRISIS CAN BE MADE MORE EFFECTIVE" IS BELIED BEFORE
DELIVERY BY OUR HANDLING OF PRESIDENT'S SPEECH.

4. COMMENT: DOHA 47 REPORTED THAT GOQ OFFICIALS INCLINED TO BELIEVE
THAT SERIES OF RECENT US ACTIONS, STATEMENTS, ETC., INDICATE
US HAS PREPARED CAREFUL STRATEGY TO DEAL WITH OIL CRISIS AND
THAT THIS STRATEGY DIRECTED AGAINST ARAB OIL
PRODUCERS. OUR RECENT HANDLING OF OUR RELATIONS WITH OIL
PRODUCERS HAS DONE LITTLE TO ALLAY THESE SUSPICIONS.
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